



A Message from the **Fort Worth Police Officers Association**

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Emma Richardson Award

Once again it is time to submit your nominations for the Emma Richardson Award.

Background

In 1915, faced with being a single mother with few employment opportunities, Emma Richardson came to work for the Fort Worth Police Department as a jail matron. Emma Richardson was only the second woman ever hired by the FWPD to work in the city jail.

In 1921, Emma Richardson signed the "Oath of Office" and was officially commissioned as a "Police Officer" for the City of Fort Worth. Emma Richardson was the first woman to be commissioned as a police officer without any mention of the words "Special Officer" or "Matron". As such, Emma Richardson qualifies as the first female police officer for the Fort Worth Police Department. Emma Richardson was also the first woman commissioned as an officer to retire from the department after 25 years of service.

Purpose

The Fort Worth Police Officers Association, in recognition of the advancements made by our female police officers, and in recognition of the many unique challenges still facing these officers today, hereby created the "Emma Richardson Memorial Award". The award recognizes professional achievement and service to the community and is awarded to one person annually. The presentation will be made at the September FWPOA meeting.

Award Committee

The committee will consist of four female police officers named by the Board of Directors of the Fort Worth Police Officers Association. Each officer serving on the committee must be a member of the FWPOA. The fifth member of the committee will be the President of the FWPOA or his designee.

Eligibility

Only active duty female police officers of the Fort Worth Police Department are eligible for the award.

All nominees must be members of the FWPOA for the past year.

Nominations

All Police Employees are encouraged to nominate officers for this award. The deadline for nominations will be August 1 of each year.

Submit your nominations by using the nomination forms on GIGIA